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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
Olympia, Washington**

**To:** DME Providers  
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**Subject: Vendor Rate Increase for Non-Durable Medical Equipment and  
Medical Supplies**

**Effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2001** the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will implement an appropriated two and one tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase for MAA fee-for-service programs, as authorized by the 2001-2003 Biennium Appropriations Act. This rate increase has been applied across the board for state-unique procedure codes. Providers are reimbursed Medicare rates for HCPCS codes.

This fee schedule includes new procedure codes and the discontinuance of others. These changes, along with the revised maximum allowances, are being made to correspond to Medicare's 2001 fee schedule. The discontinued codes are valid until October 30, 2001.

Attached are replacement page F.1-F.34 of MAA's Nondurable Medical Equipment and Supplies Billing Instructions, dated July 2000. For formerly BR (By Report) procedures, MAA will reimburse providers the percentage of billed charges listed in the Maximum Allowable Fee column.

Remember to bill MAA your usual and customary fee. To obtain this fee schedule electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov>.